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## Rep. Jesse Kremer Circulates Legislation to Reform Seat Time Requirements in Public School Districts

**Madison, WI** – Today Rep. Jesse Kremer (Kewaskum) and Sen. Luther Olsen (Ripon) have circulated legislation for co-sponsorship that will establish a pilot program which enables new opportunities for public schools that are at this time only enjoyed by their charter and private school peers. Currently, public school districts are confined to a century-old system of operation with little flexibility which only stifles their ability to innovate and better educate Wisconsin's children. School district administrators have been asking for much needed reforms, and with the ability to opt out of the minimum seat time requirement, public districts will better be able to mirror the success of their charter and private school counterparts.

Rep. Kremer issued the following statement regarding the bill's release, "One of my primary goals as a lawmaker is to ensure that every child in Wisconsin has the opportunity to succeed. This bill is a two year pilot program allowing public schools that exceed or significantly exceed expectations on their annual report cards additional flexibility in the classroom. The days of the traditional cookie-cutter 8-3 school day will soon be a relic of the past. My hope is that this legislation will be a reward for well-performing schools that have a desire to expand their creativity while motivating under performing schools to improve."

For more information....

## <u>Seat Time Requirement Reform</u> bill language

Rep. Kremer represents the 59th Assembly District which includes Southern Calumet, Western Sheboygan, Northern Washington and Eastern Fond du Lac Counties. Rep. Kremer's office is located at 17 West in the Wisconsin State Capitol, and he can be reached at (608) 266-9175 or by e-mail at Rep.Kremer@legis.wisconsin.gov. His legislative website can be found at <a href="https://www.RepKremer.com">www.RepKremer.com</a>.

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